

Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. released the following statement today regarding Senator Peter Fitzgerald's decision not to seek re-election in 2004:

"He was an independent voice who stood up for what he believed in. I welcomed his support for economic growth and development for the South Side and South Suburbs, especially the Third Airport. For those who wonder if I'm interested in filling Senator Fitzgerald's seat, I am not. I remain honored to serve the people of the Second Congressional District, and strongly support Barack Obama for U.S. Senate."